GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3523
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
RIGHT TO CAST VOTE BY POST
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disability Rights Group has approached the Government and demandedright to cast their votes by post alongwith additional facilities and to amend the Act suitably which was enacted in 1995;

(b) if so, details thereof and the reaction by the Government thereon;

(c) whether any fresh approach has been made after the visit of Stephon Hawking recently; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the time frame worked out therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a)&(b) A Civil Writ Petition No. 5309 of 1999 has been filed in the Hon`ble High Court byShri Javed Abidi and others as Petitioners, who are members of an informal group known as the Disability Rights Group for notification under the Representation ofPeople Act, 1951, making all persons with physical disabilities as voters eligible to cast their vote through postal ballot. The case is at present subjudice. There is a proposal to amend the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities,Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.